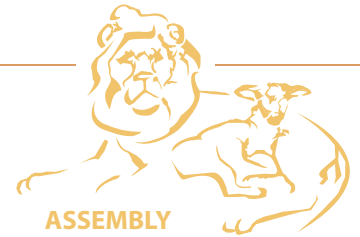


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ASSEMBLY

The story is short and can be read directly from the Scriptures from start to finish from Genesis 28:10-22. The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.

LESSON IDEAS

MAKING A VOW

Supplies:

your wedding pictures

Bring in your wedding picture. Tell the children about your wedding. Tell them your wedding vows. If you have a copy, read them to the children and explain that a vow is a special promise that is meant never to be broken. Ask them if they remember from the story what vow Jacob made to God, see Genesis 28:20. See if they can recall the vow God made Abraham that he repeats here to Jacob, see Genesis 12:2-3.

REMEMBERING THE PROMISE

Have the children try to remember all the aspects of God's promise. See if they can guess all the parts that are repeated here from this passage.

- I will give you the land on which you are lying
- Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth
- You will spread out to the East, West, North, and South
- All peoples of the earth will be blessed through you and your offspring
- I am with you and will watch over you
- I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised to you

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GIVING A TENTH

Read Genesis 28:20-22. Explain to the children that this is one of several places in the Bible where a person gives God one-tenth back (one out of ten) that he gives them. This can be a start to understanding tithing. Ask the children the following questions:

- If God gives Jacob ten goats, how many goats will Jacob give back to God? (One)
- If God Gives Jacob ten bushels of wheat, how many bushels of wheat will Jacob give back to God? (One)
- If God gives Jacob ten baby lambs, how many baby lambs will Jacob give back to God? (One)
- Why would Jacob want to give God back one in ten of everything? (To show God thanks for what He is given.)
- What do we give one out of every ten back to God? (Our money. We give back one out of every ten pennies, quarters, and dollars.)
- Why do we do this? (To show our thankfulness to God for all He has given us.)



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Where is Jesus?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

Before his dream, Jacob received the promised blessing only through his father Isaac. But in these verses, the Lord appeared to Jacob and repeated to him the promise originally given to Abraham. From Jacob's seed would come a blessing to all people. This blessing was and still is salvation through Jesus Christ. The dream was God's initiative toward Jacob just as the life and gospel of Christ is God's initiative to us. We would not know God if He first did not reveal Himself to us first.

John records these words of Jesus:

And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." (John 1:51, ESV) Here Jesus lets us in on a little secret: He is the stairway. There is a bridge from earth to heaven and Jesus is that stairway. Jesus made it possible for man to be forgiven and go to heaven to dwell with the Lord. He is the one who made the way for us.

